

**PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney Docket No. Q95051**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Josef OTT

Appln. No.: 10/580,344

Group Art Unit: 3673

Confirmation No.: 5820

Examiner: Unassigned

Filed: May 25, 2006

For: **SEAL FOR EFFECTING A SEALING BETWEEN PARTS HAVING LIMITED MOBILITY**

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.47 (b)

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Weidmann Plastics Technology AG, by its undersigned attorney, hereby petitions to be permitted to proceed with the above application absent the signed Declaration and Power of Attorney by the sole inventor, Josef Ott. A substitute Declaration signed by Ms. Suzanne Thoma, in her capacity as Director Weidmann Plastics Technology AG, accompanies this Petition.

The basis for this Petition is that inventor Josef Ott no longer works for Weidmann Plastics Technology AG, his former employer, and has refused to execute the Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above application. As shown in the accompanying Declarations of Stefan Harke and Stefan Day, Mr. Ott has expressly stated that he is not going to sign the patent

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application unless he receives additional compensation for his signature in the amount of CHF 70'000.

Mr. Josef Ott's last known address is Sonnenrainstrasse 10, 8735 St. Gallenkappel, Switzerland.

As confirmation of Weidmann Plastics Technology AG's attempt to obtain the signature of Josef Ott, attached are copies of correspondence identified below, which are referenced in the Declarations of Mr. Stefan Harke and Mr. Stefan Day, specifically:

In connection with this Petition, Applicant is submitting a Declaration executed by Dr. Stefan Harke, Management Laboratory and Measurement Engineer of Weidmann Plastics Technology AG (**Exhibit 13**, which is accompanied by and references Exhibits 1-11), a Declaration executed by Stefan Day, attorney representing Weidmann Plastics Technology AG (**Exhibit 14**, which references Exhibits 2-8), and a Memorandum of Law prepared by Mr. Stefan Day (**Exhibit 15**, which references Exhibits 9-12).

From the present Petition and the foregoing Declaration of Mr. Stefan Harke, it would be clear that Weidmann Plastics Technology AG has a direct and substantial interest in protecting the invention that is disclosed and claimed in USSN 10/580,344, and that the acceptance of the Declaration, signed by Ms. Suzanne Thoma on behalf of Mr. Josef Ott, is necessary to preserve the rights of Weidmann Plastics Technology AG in and to the invention disclosed and claimed in USSN 10/580,344 and any patent that may be issued from that application, and to prevent irreparable damage to Weidmann Plastics Technology AG should such rights be lost.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of \$130.00, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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